

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Asbestos Stakeholder:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the Maryland Department of the Environment's implementation of the Asbestos Training Program and Examination Act that was passed by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2013 session. The law requires that, as of October 1, 2013, asbestos workers be tested for accreditation in Maryland by a third party entity separate from a training provider.

The Department has conducted two asbestos training events so far, the first in October and the second in November. Turnout so far has been light. It is our expectation that turnout will increase in the future. With this in mind please pre-register for the testing if at all possible. We will accept walkins if space allows, but there are no guarantees.

The next asbestos testing dates are December 3, 4, and 5th in the morning and afternoon at our main office in Baltimore (1800 Washington Boulevard). On the 3rd, "Worker " testing will be conducted. On the 4th, "Supervisor" and "Inspector Management Planner" testing will be conducted. On the 5th, "Inspector" and "Project Designer" testing will be conducted.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the morning sessions, with testing starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 noon. Registration for the afternoon sessions will begin at 12:30, with testing starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged for the test sessions to ensure that you have a seat for the exam, due to limited seating. Walk-in registration will continue to be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A copy of the testing schedule moving forward is attached along with the latest registration form. We encourage test takers to fill out the form in advance to save time registering.

A \$60 test fee will be charged for each test taken. If you pre-register before the testing date send your registration form, a copy of the latest training certificate, and check or money order payable to "Maryland Clean Air Fund" to PO Box 2037 Baltimore, MD 21203-2037. Payment by cash will not be accepted for pre-registration. Credit cards will not be accepted on the day of exam or for pre-registration. Pre-registration must be submitted at least 10 days before each exam. If Workers need the exam read to them please mark the box for English or Spanish on the registration forms.

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The scoring of the tests and issuance of the photo ID cards will not take place the day of the test. This will result in a short delay in the issuance of the cards from the date the tests are conducted.

In order to be eligible to take the test, the fee must be paid, documentation that the test taker has undertaken the appropriate level training course must be presented, and a valid form of identification bearing a photo must also be presented. A separate photo, to be used by the Department in preparing a photo ID card, is also needed. A passport photo or a photo provided by the company that conducted the training is acceptable in this regard.

Directions to our main office are attached, along with a map of the parking lot areas. Please enter at the gate to the blue lot parking area (marked on the map). Use the left lane (there is a sign that designates this lane as "visitor"). Use the call box in this lane to contact Montgomery Park security to gain access through the gate. Park in the lot and proceed to the tunnel area to enter the building.

If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Anderson at 410-537-3809 or Christopher Mentzer at 410-537-3804.

Sincerely,

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